

PSALM 48 – The Glory of God in Zion!

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GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED! – Psalm 48, vs. 1-2

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, In the city of our God, In the mountain of His holiness.
Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north,
The city of the great King. Is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, The city of the great King. (2x)

PSALM 48 - The end of a trilogy of the Psalms 46-48, which may have been written at the time Sennacherib attempted to conquer Jerusalem, when God sent an angel to destroy the Assyrian army or possibly the time of the great victory of Israel over the attempted invasion by the people of Moab, Ammon and others, given to us in 2 Chronicles 20. Note verses, (**2Ch 20:19, 25, 36**) *Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high. [25] When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much. [36] And he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion Geber.*

But this Psalm seems to look forward, prophetically to other feats of God that will take place in the future and to acknowledge certain attributes of God in those times of trouble that come to God's people through the ages. There are some remarkable things that come as God is praised. Talking about God's faithfulness.

Zion, the City of Our God - A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

Verses 1-3 are in honor of the LORD and the city dedicated to His worship.

Psa 48:1 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, In His holy mountain.

- How great Jehovah is essentially none can conceive, but we can all see that He is great in the deliverance of His people, great in their esteem who are delivered, and great in the hearts of those enemies whom He scatters by their own fears. There is none great in the church but the Lord. Jesus is "the great Shepherd!" He is "a Savior, and a great One!" Our great God and Savior, our great High Priest! His Father has divided Him a portion with the great, and His name shall be great unto the ends of the earth.

Psa 48:2 Beautiful in elevation (loftiness), The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.

- *Beautiful for situation*, The city of Jerusalem is beautifully situated.
- *The joy of the whole earth is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.* The north side of Mount Zion is where the city of Jerusalem sits. (**Isa 14:13**) *For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;*

Psa 48:3 God is in her palaces; He is known as her refuge.

Verses 4-8 The song records the confusion of Zion's foes, ascribing all the praise to God!

Psa 48:4 For behold, the kings assembled, They passed by together.

- Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, they passed by together. They saw it! They got within view of Jerusalem. (**2Ch 20:1**) *It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat.*

Psa 48:5 They saw it, and so they marveled; They were troubled, they hastened away.

- They started to flee the sight, the formidable walls and all.

Psa 48:6 Fear took hold of them there, And pain, as of a woman in birth pangs,

Psa 48:7 As when You break the ships of Tarshish With an east wind.

- Remember in (**2Ch 20:37**) *But Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your works." The ships were going for gold, but they were broken, it tells us here, with an east wind.*

Psa 48:8 As we have heard, So we have seen In the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah

- Our fathers' stories are reproduced before our very eyes. We heard the promise, and we have seen the fulfillment.

Verses 9-11 extolling Zion, and avowing Jehovah to be her God for evermore!

Psa 48:9 We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, In the midst of Your temple.

- Holy men are thoughtful men. They do not let God's wonders to pass before their eyes and melt into forgetfulness, but they meditate deeply upon them.

Psa 48:10 According to Your name, O God, So is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness.

Psa 48:11 Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the daughters (villages) of Judah be glad, Because of Your judgments.

Psa 48:12 Walk about Zion, And go all around her. Count her towers;

Psa 48:13 Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces; That you may tell it to the generation following.

Psa 48:14 For this is God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide Even to death (even to the end).

- He will be the covenant God of His people world without end! There is no other God, we wish for no other, we would have no other even if other there were.
- *(Isa 58:11) The LORD will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.*
- What a tremendous vow and a commitment. Unfortunately, it was not fulfilled. Judah ultimately turned to idolatry. They began to worship Baal and Ashtoreth and Molech and were destroyed. But Jehoshaphat made the commitment. "Our God, our guide, even to death. Our God forever and ever." What a glorious thing to make that kind of a commitment! *He is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to death!*
- How deep is our commitment to Him?

THIS GOD IS OUR GOD (GREAT IS THE LORD & GREATLY TO BE PRAISED)! - Steve Kuban (4:07)

This God is our God forever and ever! He will be our Guide even unto death.

For this God is our God forever and ever! He will be our Guide forever more! (3x)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God (2x)

The mountain of His holiness Beautiful for situation the joy of the whole earth!

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